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KARACHI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, APER
SUBJECT: TDY REPLACEMENT FOR RSO

1. RSO KUWAIT (GIBSON) IS SCHEDULED FOR HOME LEAVE, CONSULTATION AND INSERVICE TRAINING THIS SUMMER, WITH TENTATIVE DATES OF JUNE 10 THROUGH SEPT 10.

2. EMBASSY HAS A VARIETY OF PLANNED PROJECTS TO INCREASE THE SECURITY POSTURE IN KUWAIT AND THERE ARE SIMILAR PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE OTHER EMBASSIES IN THE GULF. THESE PROJECTS WILL NEED CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND MONITORING BY A PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICER. DURING THE PERIODS WHEN THE RSO HAS BEEN TDY FROM KUWAIT, THE POST HAS ALREADY EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING JUST THE ROUTINE SECURITY MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE ASSISTANCE FROM AN UNDERSTAFFED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

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3. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS, OF COURSE, AWARE, THE WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINS A HIGH RISK AREA FROM THE SECURITY ASPECT. AS TIME APPROACHES FOR THE POSSIBLE CONVENING OF A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IN THE FALL, THE POTENTIAL FOR TERRORIST ACTION BY PALESTINIAN REJECTIONIST GROUPS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OPERATING OUT OF

THE LARGE PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY IN KUWAIT BECOMES GREATER AND MORE ACUTE. SHOULD IT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE REJECTIONIST GROUPS TO MOUNT TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN EFFORTS TO DERAIL A GENEVA MEETING, THEY WOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT ASSETS IN PLACE HERE TO DO SO.

4. DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF RSS KARACHI, I DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF A FULL TIME TDY REPLACEMENT DURING GIBSON'S HOME LEAVE. THE RSS AND I, AS WELL AS RSO GIBSON, ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT A TDY REPLACEMENT IS ESSENTIAL.

5. I RECOMMEND THAT SUCH A TDY ARRANGEMENT WITH A LEAST A ONE TO TWO WEEK OVERLAP BE PROGRAMMED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.
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